

(Madhya Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

Rehabilitation of persons with spinal and orthopaedic disability

**527. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centres for rehabilitation of persons with spinal and orthopaedic disability in the country;

(b) whether four such regional centres have been set up; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) :

(a) to (c) Four Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) have been set up in the country one each at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, Mohali, Chandigarh, Cuttack, Orissa & Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. These Centres have been established with active participation of respective State Government and the Union Government. The objective of setting up these RRCs is rehabilitation basic management and follow up of the spinal injured. These centres provide facilities for O.P.D. and in patient physiotherapy, occupational therapy, orthotic engineering, orthotic pathology, spinal surgeries, post operative rehabilitation and operative and rehabilitation for traumatic paraplegia patients etc.

Benefits from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation

**528. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the eligibility criteria for availing the benefits of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) the year-wise details of the beneficiaries during last five years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government do not have exact data of the physically challenged people who could be potential beneficiary of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to update the extent of disabled population in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) :

(a) The eligibility criteria for disabled persons to apply for financial assistance from NHFDC is as under:

For General Schemes:

- (i) Any Indian citizen with 40% or more disability
- (ii) Age between 18 and 55 years
- (iii) Annual income below Rs. 1,00,000/- p.a. for urban areas and Rs. 80,000/- p.a. for rural areas.
- (iv) Relevant education/technical/vocational qualification/experience and background

Under the educational loan Scheme the income should be below five lakh rupees. In addition, the student should have passed the previous examination with 50% aggregate marks.

(b) Year-wise details of beneficiaries during last five years is as follows:

Year	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of beneficiaries
2001-2002	1283.92	2933
2002-2003	1841.31	4498
2003-2004	2682.04	5565
2004-2005	1768.55	3282
2005-2006	2344.17	4665

(c) and (d) As per the Census of 2001, the extent of the disabled population in the country is 21.3% . However, in absence of data about income distribution, the number of potential beneficiaries is not available.

Eligibility criteria of scholarships for Scheduled Castes

529. SHRI M.V. MYSURAREDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh is not implementing the Central Government directions of enhancing the eligibility criteria for availing the Scheduled Caste scholarship; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, being taken by the Central Government as justice is denied to approximately 8.5 lakh students of the State, estimated to be eligible during the year 2006-07 upon implementation of the Central Government instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has been advised to adhere to the provisions of the revised Scheme.

Adarsh Dalit Gram

**†530. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:**

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to brand villages having more than 50 per cent dalit population as 'Adarsh Dalit Gram' throughout the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of such villages throughout the country at present;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.